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HEROIN SOLD TO A MINOR.

DAMAGES AWARDED TO A PARENT BECAUSE OF THE SALE OF A HABIT-FORMING DRUG TO A MINOR CHILD.

A widow in the State of New York has secured a judgment against a firm of druggists because of the sale of heroin to her son, a boy about 18 years of age. The jury allowed \$2,000 compensatory damages and \$1,000 punitive damages.

In affirming the judgment, Judge Howard, of the New York Supreme Court, said: "During the time when these defendants were supplying this drug to the young man he became a vagabond, an idler, a drug fiend, and a criminal, undutiful to his mother, worthless to himself, dangerous to the community. The jury was right in concluding that all this was the result of the illicit traffic carried on by these defendants, and that they should be punished for their reckless disregard of the rights and welfare of this boy and his mother."

The opinion is published in full in this issue of the Public Health Reports, page 1563.

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS.

For Ports of the United States South of Maryland.

The following instructions have been issued to officers of the United States Public Health Service on duty at quarantine stations:

The following provisions will apply to vessels from Mexico arriving at a port of the United States south of the southern boundary of Maryland during the close quarantine season:

1. Vessels from Progreso, Tuxpam, or Frontera that have discharged or loaded cargo at sea and have not been alongside a wharf, have had no crew ashore, and carry no passengers, may be passed without fumigation or detention of crew or vessel, provided all are well upon arrival and the above provisions have been certified to by an accredited medical officer of the United States.

2. Vessels from all other Mexican ports and those from Progreso, Tuxpam, or Frontera that have not complied with the foregoing requirements shall be treated according to the provisions of paragraph 105, Service Regulations.

Vessels from Colombia, Venezuela, or any other port of South America or the West Indies suspected of being infected with yellow fever shall be treated according to paragraph 105, Service Regulations.